

C A M P A I G N F O R ACCOUNTABILITY

February 1, 2018

By Email: mhighla@dhs.state.ia.us

Public Information Officer
Iowa Department of Human Services
Hoover State Office Building
1305 East Walnut Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Re: Open Records Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Campaign for Accountability (“CfA”) makes this request for records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics, and including electronic records and information, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, pursuant to the Iowa Examination of Public Records Law, Iowa Code § 22-1 et seq.

Specifically, CfA seeks the following:

1. A copy of the report prepared by the Department of Human Services to assess the progress of the Iowa Family Planning Program from July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.
2. Copies of all communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, or other documents sent to or received by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding that report from October 1, 2017 to the date the search is conducted.

By way of background, the Iowa Family Planning Program was created last year by the state legislature to replace a Medicaid program that allowed participation by providers that also provide abortions.¹ The Department of Human Services has prepared a report regarding the progress of the new program in its first three months, from July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.² That report has been provided to news agencies but has not been released publicly.³

¹ Tony Leys, *UnityPoint says Iowa unfairly barring all of its clinics from new family planning program*, *Des Moines Register*, Sept. 22, 2017, available at <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/health/2017/09/22/unitypoint-says-iowa-unfairly-barring-all-its-clinics-new-family-planning-program/688877001/>.

² Barbara Rodriguez, *Data show drop in Iowa family planning program enrollment after Planned Parenthood’s exclusion*, *Des Moines Register*, Jan. 31, 2018, available at <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/health/2018/01/31/data-show-drop-iowa-family-planning-program-enrollment-after-planned-parenthoods-exclusion/1083384001/>.

³ *Id.*

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Where possible, please produce records electronically. CfA seeks records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs. This request includes any letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. This request also includes any attachments to these records.

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7, please state the basis of the exemption. Please explain in writing and with particularity the reasons for any determination that a record is exempt from disclosure.

In the event that a portion of a requested record is properly exempt from disclosure, please redact that portion and produce the remainder of the requested record. If you deny this request in whole or in part, please specify each exemption on which you are relying to withhold information.

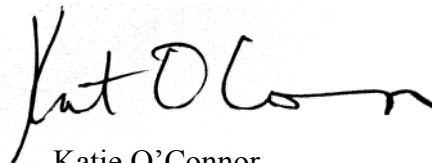
CfA is a non-profit organization and seeks the requested information to inform and educate the public about the state's oversight responsibilities regarding public funding for private organizations. Accordingly, because CfA seeks the information to benefit the general public, we request that the information be provided without charge. Iowa Code § 22.3. If a fee waiver is not available, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$200.

Please promptly produce the requested records. If, however, production cannot occur within 10 business days, please inform me when the records will be available. Iowa Code § 22.8(4)(d). If you are unable to meet this statutorily required time period or foresee any problems in releasing the requested records in whole or in part, please contact me at 202-780-5750.

Finally, I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you whether and to what extent this request can be narrowed or modified to better enable the Office of the Governor to process it. If possible, please email the records to me at koconnor@campaignforaccountability. If the records are mailed, please send them to: Campaign for Accountability, 611 Pennsylvania Ave S.E., #337, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie O'Connor", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Katie O'Connor
Legal Counsel
Campaign for Accountability